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### BRIEFS

■ **Going, Going Gonel:** The City of Newark recently made \$850,000 from a public real estate auction. Over 25 structures and 151 lots were offered, all of the structures and 41 of the lots were sold. Prices ranged from \$50 for a vacant lot to \$48,000 for a 2-20-unit residential structure. —NEWARK

■ **A Touch of Class:** fifty non-credit courses will be offered during the Spring Semester at Union County College's new Elizabeth Campus. Courses for the semester, which begins on Tuesday, January 21 include computer instruction and desktop publishing. Classes will take place in the newly-renovated Elizabeth Campus which is located at 12 West Jersey Street, formerly the home of Elizabethtown Gas Company. For more information call 201-709-7600. —ELIZABETH

■ **Rattling Ma's Bell:** New Jersey Bell has asked state regulators to order Suburban Cablevision, Inc. to stop interfering with a paid advertisement on its system. NJB filed a petition with the state Board of Regulatory Commissioners because Suburban Cable refused to broadcast its commercial as scheduled after reviewing the contents of the ad. The ad, which was for a new commercial developed by its own commercial and ran it immediately following NJB's paid advertisement. —NEWARK

■ **Sharp Decision:** Sharp Electronics has donated \$300,000 to Ramapo College over the next five years. It is earmarked for the construction of the Center for Communication Arts and Technologies (C-CAT). Other projects the campaign will fund include Sports and Community Recreation Facilities, Library Information Technology Programs, the Foundation Anniversary Support Program, and the Excellence Fund. The funds are part of Ramapo's Capital Fundraising Campaign. For more information call 201-929-7611. —MAHWAH

## Eagle awards recipients honored in Newark

City News, Anheuser-Busch host Eagle Awards Reception

NEWARK — On Friday, December 20, from 6 to 10 p.m. City News Publishing Company and Anheuser-Busch will be recognizing "those who dare to soar."

For their extensive and sincere commitment to their communities, eight people will be presented with the Eagle Award at the Renaissance

Towers Press Club located at 111 Mulberry Street in Newark. The recipients include: Kitty Taylor; Ed Long; Sergeant Steve Jordan; Leonard Coleman; Harold Brown; Althea and Bill Giles; and John J. Hamilton, Jr.

Both City News and Anheuser-Busch representatives believe that

these people are fine examples of the importance of giving back to one's community and serve as motivators to others to get involved. They are also looking forward to recognizing others throughout the community who also "dare to soar" and making the Eagle Award reception an annual event.

## Heartbeat of the City

Having a baby is a glorious, blessed event. Parents and relatives look upon this child with pride and joy and cannot wait to brag about the beautiful little baby. But, far too often in our society, there are babies who are not wanted, who are abandoned by parents who are not ready to become parents. These children remain in hospitals, orphanages, or foster homes where the images and rearings are not ideal and leave a child confused, angry, and starved for love.

Recently, New Mayor Sharpe James hailed an Essex County man for adopting a seven-year-old boy, at a ceremony in his office in recognition of National Adoption Month. The event was sponsored by the New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services, (DYFS) Adoption Resource Center in Essex County.

Everett Brown of East Orange, a single parent, accepted a proclamation on behalf of The Adoption Resource Center. Brown adopted his son, Marquis, through the Center.

"This is a unique experience for all of us. I am thrilled to see a young, African American male choosing to open his life and home to a child who needs a family," said Mayor James. "More needs to be done to encourage people to realize the importance of adoption, and Mr. Brown's story will certainly be a positive influence on other singles and couples who would like to adopt."

Mayor James is absolutely right. There are so many beautiful chil-



**MAKING A DIFFERENCE — Proud, single parent Everett Brown of East Orange and his adopted son, Marquis.**

dren out there that need loving, stable homes. Be it babies, youngsters, adolescents, or older teens, they can benefit so much from being adopted.

Howard Frazier, a recruitment officer for the Adoption Resource Center, stated that the adoption process is no different for a single parent than it is for a couple. "We hope to dispel the myth that singles cannot adopt," said Frazier. "Every candidate is screened through the

same process."

Brown said that he saw too many young people standing on the corners and wanted to do his part by taking one child off the street and guiding him into adulthood. "My decision to adopt came four years ago when I decided that I wanted to make a difference in my life and the life of someone else."

The adoption process began (continued on page 4)

## Kwanzaa turns 25

## African American holiday tradition continues to grow



NEW BRUNSWICK — Although the holiday Kwanzaa marks its 25th anniversary this year, many Americans are still unfamiliar with the African American celebration. Kwanzaa, which means "first fruits" in Swahili, is a seven-day ritual when family and friends gather to share food, gifts and experiences of the past year and to plan for the future.

"The goal of the holiday is to rediscover a strong sense of unity among African Americans," said Gerald Davis, associate professor of African studies at Rutgers-New Brunswick.

Kwanzaa, observed from December 26 to January 1, is also a time of Thanksgiving. It coincides with the time of year when many African nations hold harvest feasts and celebrations to give thanks for good returns from the land.

"A celebration similar to Kwanzaa is observed by the Swahili people of the northern Kenyan

coast," says Ibrahim Shariff, also a professor of African studies, who teaches the Swahili language at Rutgers-New Brunswick.

Kwanzaa was established by Maulana Ron Karenga, an African American professor from California who in the 1960s popularized a discipline called Pan-African studies.

"He wanted to encourage a strong sense of community," Davis said. "He was also concerned about the dollars African Americans spend at Christmas, so emphasis was placed on the exchange of fruits and homemade gifts."

Some African Americans now celebrate Kwanzaa instead of Christmas. (continued on page 10)

## City News says "Take us to heart"

### Introduces Heartbeat of the City

by Stacy Peterson

NEWARK — Take us to heart is the operative message at City News Publishing Company as the newspaper increases its focus on the news and interests of its readers.

Articles emphasizing the strength, compassion, courage, and spirit of the community will be featured weekly in "Heartbeat of the City" a new column designed to touch the heart of caring people.

"I see the Heartbeat as focusing on some of the central issues the community is confronted with," said Dr. Henry C. Johnson, publisher of City News.

He said people will be able to express thoughts that are close to their hearts showing successes and fail-

ures of ordinary people rising to extraordinary heights.

Executive Editor Jan M. Edgerton-Johnson pointed out that a sense of community is the driving pulse of the "Heartbeat of the City."

"Unity, coming together, and helping each other through hard times are vital components of the community and they are essential parts of the 'Heartbeat of the City.'"

Anything from questions on child rearing, taxes, school issues, joyous and sad occasions, can all be expressed and addressed through the "Heartbeat of the City."

"We want people to feel they can participate in City News — to read City News actively and get involved with the stories," Dr. John-

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## Grand Jury fails to indict police in Mayse death Newark Council appalled

NEWARK — The President of the Newark Municipal Council is unequivocally appalled at the "Report of the Prosecutor of Union County concerning the Newark-Hillside Pursuit and Shooting Incident of June 9, 1991" issued by Andrew K. Ruotolo, Jr., Prosecutor of Union, submitted December 11. The ruling cleared officers of

any wrongdoing regarding the shooting death of Hillside resident Tasha Mayse and of another person. They were part of a group who were in a stolen car chase which took them through Hillside and Newark this past summer which ended in a shooting where officers "red more than

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## Victims give chilling testimony on racism in government workplace

by Alexander R. Jones

WASHINGTON, DC (NPA) — Two victims of racism in the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Internal Revenue Service recently presented chilling evidence to the US Senate's Committee on Governmental Affairs on the failure and inability of federal agencies to investigate and stop racist harassment and the devastating effect it has on competent, productive employees.

Former FBI Special Agent Donald Rochon, whose successful discrimination court suit against the Bureau focused national attention on racism within the agency, described in graphic detail the humiliation, degradation, and abuse that was heaped upon him by fellow FBI agents.

IRS career civil servant Loreta D. Thomas explained how she was targeted for constant racial harassment after filing Equal Employment Opportunity complaints over lack of access to IRS training that would have permitted her to advance in the agency. Thomas was assisted in bringing her story to the

Senate panel by the National Coalition of IRS Whistleblowers, a group founded by the Church of Scientology's Freedom Magazine in 1985.

Both stories show the dismal

failure of the internal Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) complaint process within the agencies involved. Both Thomas and Rochon testified that when they submitted formal complaints to EEO commis-

sioners in the IRS and FBI, they were punished with disciplinary action or increased harassment, an injustice which Senator John Glenn (D-OH), who chaired the hearing, said is (continued on page 3)

## Expert advises Plainfield Council on proposed charter changes

by Denise M. Germain

PLAINFIELD — A representative from the State Commission on County and Municipal Government, attended last week's City Council agenda fixing session to give the councilmembers some expert advice on proposed charter changes.

Seth Benjamin, senior research associate of the governmental committees appeared before the Council to review some of the main recommendations, that the City's charter evaluation committee highlighted in their report.

A majority of the issues could be changed locally through ordinances and community approval. A proposed change from a part-time Mayor to a full-time Mayor was in this category. Benjamin said, although the part-time/full-time issue could be changed locally, if the Council decided they wanted a change in the three department head concept of City government, the state legislature would have to approve that.

The corporation council issue, which also involves a change from part time to full-time could also be (continued on page 6)

by Larry A. Still

WASHINGTON, DC (NPA) — While former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke and conservative media consultant Patrick Buchanan are seeking to push Republican President George Bush further to the right, politically, anti-social-welfare proposals, the Grand Old Party's (GOP) national committee has launched an aggressive effort to attract more "grass roots black voters" by recruiting "community approved" African American candidates.

The selection of Clarence H. Carter, a national political consul-

ant, as director of African-American Political Affairs at the Republican National Committee was announced by Clayton Yeutter, RNC chairman. Carter and Roger Donibier are partners and directors of Campaign Directions of Monmouth, N.J., a political consulting firm which plans to work exclusively for black Republican candidates for public office.

The firm has already secured \$83,000 in individual contracts and say they are in negotiations for additional contracts valued at \$235,000, thus far according to Campaigns and Elections, "a magazine for political professionals." They are working with the RNC on

a strategy to enlist a greater number of black candidates to run as Republicans.

Campaign Directions appear to be emphasizing community based support and media techniques in contrast to the high-tech, computer programmed style of Duke and Buchanan. "The black community is not yet ready to embrace Republicanism" Carter says. "But, they will embrace individuals who also happen to be Republican," he adds.

Clarence is an aggressive seasoned political operative who will use his broad experience to help Republican candidates achieve greater inroads among African (continued on page 3)

# CITY PEOPLE

## Giles present check to UNCF



The Giles family presented a check to the United Negro College Fund for \$70,000 as a result of the "Evening of Elegance," the annual fundraiser for the UNCF.

Pictured (l-r) are: William R. Giles, Jr., vice president, EPC; Kevin Giles, Esq.; Dr. William R. Giles, Sr., chairman EPC; Althea B. Giles, vice president EPC; Sharon Giles-Alexander, president EPC, and Will Alexander II, vice president sales, EPC.

This is the ninth successful year of the Evening of Elegance and has brought the total of donations to UNCF to \$500,000.

### Langston Hughes Lecture Series holds annual Pre-Kwanzaa Program

The Langston Hughes Lecture Series Committee will hold its annual Pre-Kwanzaa Program on Saturday, December 21, 1991, from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. The event will take place in the Plainfield Public Library auditorium.

Saalek Cuevas, a Priest in the Yoruba religion and Assistant Librarian at Montclair Library, will present a demonstration of the meaning of Kwanzaa. The Plainfield Performing Arts Club will present a short play, "Asumo: When We Are Whole Again," based on a story by Peter Harris. Adapted and directed by Miller Lucky, Jr., the cast is comprised of students from Plainfield High School. The play's theme focuses on the second of the seven principals (Nguzo Sabe) of Kwanzaa, Kujichagulia, which means self-determination. And Janice Ponce, Plainfield Library's own storyteller, will present a story.

## Coping

by  
Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

### Black male-female relationships

Dear Dr. Faulkner:

Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and Anita Hill seemed intent on destroying each other. Could you please give an analysis of what's happening between black men and women. I am so confused that I don't even know how to interact with my own wife.

Mr. G., Boston

Dear Mr. G.:

Here is what seems to be becoming a typical scenario of black male-female interaction. It is not very pretty, so if your behavior resembles anything that occurs below, you should immediately reverse it, if you expect your friend, spouse or acquaintance to be happy. If he/she is not happy, they will not make you happy. Thus, you would be responsible for your own unhappiness, even though you might blame it on the "other person."

Most relationships begin on something of an upbeat. Both individuals actually like each other, initially. But after being around each other for a period of time, something distasteful happens, especially if one or both of the individuals harbors deep-seated feelings of personal inadequacy or insecurity (and, if you are black, living in America can create a wealth of personal insecurity).

"I feel so angry right now that I don't like anybody, not even my partner. I really don't care whose feelings I hurt. In fact, it would make me feel good to have an op-

portunity to get into a good argument and make somebody feel bad. Right now, I have a need to attack somebody, and I don't care who it is."

The above speech is often so deeply imbedded in the psyche that the individual doesn't know that he/she is making such a speech. But it is the beginning of a downward spiral in the relationship, especially if the two individuals are married.

The first person who comes into contact with the victimized, angry individual is likely to be the first casualty, the first target, the first psychological punching bag, the first opportunity for the angry individual to get rid of higher anger. If the spouse happens to be at home when the anger surfaces, so be it!

"You didn't put your shoes in the closet. You left your socks on the chair. I don't like the way you made the bed this morning. Every time you do something you screw it up and just make more work for everybody. I'm getting damn sick of you. You had better get your act together or I am going to make your life miserable."

For most people, this is the beginning of hell, unless they take immediate steps to rechannel their friend's anger.

Next week's column: How to save a troubled relationship.

Dr. Faulkner's new address is: P.O. Box 22219, Sacramento, CA 95822.

## Groundbreaking for NJ Vietnam Memorial



Shown at the recent groundbreaking for New Jersey's Vietnam Memorial are (l-r) New Jersey Highway Authority Commissioners

Lionel Levey and Julian Robinson, Governor Jim Florio, and Authority Commissioners Jerold Zaro and John Padayatz. The memorial is being

constructed on the grounds of the Garden State Arts Center, Holmdel, which is managed by the New Jersey Highway Authority.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

**NEW YORK CITY** — The Association of Performing Arts Presenters will hold their 35th annual conference from December 18-21 at the New York Hilton. For more information call 202-833-2787.

**PLAINFIELD** — The Plainfield Action Services Community Action Board of Directors will have their December meeting at 7 p.m. on the first floor of the City Hall Annex at 510 Watchung Avenue. For more information call 908-753-5515.

**PATERSON** — A program on Sacred Music: Asian, Catholic, Islamic, Jewish, Protestant, and Spirituals will be presented from 7 to 9 p.m. as part of the Multicultural Forum at the Paterson Free Public Library. For more information call 201-357-3000.

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — INFOADS Student Organization will acknowledge winners of the Lord Stirling Middle School Second Annual Essay Contest at the school located at 43 Carman Street. Certificates will be presented at 11 a.m. For more information call 908-249-1144.

**NEWARK** — The Salvation Army will be distributing Coats for Kids and Christmas distribution for needy families from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. until Dec. 20. For more information call 201-623-5555.

**EAST HANOVER** — An exhibit of original advertising art and other promotional items from the 19th and 20th centuries will be on display at the Halsebro Gallery through January 9. The gallery is at the corner of River Road and DeForest Avenue and is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

**EAST ORANGE** — The East Orange Public Library will feature "It's a Wonderful Life" for seniors at 1:30 p.m. also, on December 27, "Wild Women Don't Have the Blues" and "Women's Place" will be shown also at 1:30 p.m. For more information call 201-266-5630.



## Personals

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SBF, 42, mother with male child

seeks serious individual, 39-50, who loves music, books, and children. See you in my dreams. P.O. Box 20151, Newark, NJ 07101.

Full-figured, female companion desired by SBM. Reply to P.O. Box 1658, New Brunswick, NJ 08903. Include photo/phone #.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 1992

**EAST ORANGE** — An exhibition on the works of Mania K. Mussa, photographer, will be held at the East Orange Public Library from 2 to 4 p.m. in the East Orange Room. The exhibit will be on display throughout the month of January. For more information call 201-266-5600.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 1992

**WESTFIELD** — A support group for people caring for elderly or chronically ill relatives will meet at 8 p.m. in the parish center of St. Helen's Church on Lamberts Mill Road. For more information call 908-233-8757.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 1992

**NEW YORK CITY** — Patricia Wales, editor of Sale Magazine will be the guest speaker during "An Evening with Women Who Sell." The event, sponsored by the National Women's Advisory Board, will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. at the New Yorker Club located at 123 West 43rd Street (between Broadway and 6th). For more information call Holly Fisher at 800-221-4338.

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — The New Jersey State Bar Association will present a free public seminar on Local Government Law from 7 to 9 p.m. at the New Jersey Law Center, One Constitutional Square. For more information call 1-800-FREE-LAW ext. 209.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 1992

**SUMMIT** — Surroundings: Elements of Landscape by NJ Artists will be on display until February 20 at the Palmer Gallery, NJ Center for Visual Arts at 68 Elm Street. For more information call 908-273-9121.

**TRENTON** — The state of New Jersey Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission will hold its Seventh Annual Ecumenical Service honoring Dr. King's 63rd birthday at the War Memorial on West Lafayette Street at 2 p.m. Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker of Carzan Baptist Church of New York City is the featured guest speaker. Call 201-649-4911.

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(EVERY WEEK)

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# Bernard Chidzero narrowly misses post of UN Secretary General

by Daniel Marolen

NEW YORK CITY (NNPA) — Bernard Chidzero, Zimbabwe's Finance Minister, narrowly missed becoming the United Nations' sixth Secretary-General on November 21 when the Security Council unanimously elected Egypt's Deputy Prime Minister for Foreign Affairs, Boutros Boutros Ghali, as Perez de Cuellar's successor at UN. But on November 11, at a straw poll, Bernard Chidzero emerged as a forerunner who led Boutros Ghali by 11-10 votes. However, on November 21 Bernard Chidzero and Obasanjo Obasanjo, former Nigerian head of state, trailed Boutros Ghali by two votes each in the final count in the Security Council. Both Chidzero and Obasanjo were nominated by the Organization of African Unity. But Chidzero was the sole nominee of the 106-Nation Non-Aligned Movement. Ghali was the nominee of OAU, which also nominated Kenneth Dugdale, a UN officer from Sierra Leone, and Nguema Owono from the small African state of Gabon.

But, as the old adage says, "A mile is as good as a mile," the 15-member Security Council, after a

second ballot, finally elected Boutros Boutros Ghali, who now awaits the UN General Assembly to approve him as Secretary-General. That approval will confirm Boutros Ghali as Perez de Cuellar's successor. This will make Boutros Ghali the first African, Arab and Egyptian Secretary-General ever.

As I write this column, indignation is seething furiously in the corridors and delegates loungers of the United Nations, especially among delegates from Sub-Saharan Africa. The emergent post-colonial African states want to have a black African Secretary-General. This is reasonable, because African nations have always been the Cinderellas at UN. However, it is most gratifying that black African nominees for this vacant post acquired themselves exceptionally well, and only narrowly, lost the vote. This augurs well for their versatility at the United Nations.

But, all in all, Boutros Boutros Ghali's final approval will be welcomed by the world community of nations. He is a seasoned and experienced diplomat of great reputation. It was he and Egypt's late President Anwar el-Sadat who were the architects of the Camp David Accords which brought peace between Egypt and Israel during

President Jimmy Carter's administration. Ghali's only major weakness is his age; he is 69 years old. But, since he chooses to serve only for one term of five years, this should be overlooked. Still for all, Boutros Ghali's old age, to those who wish to have a younger Secretary-General, looms high as a hurdle.

Boutros Boutros Ghali's forte is that he is a tenured professor of international law. He is also a Fulbright scholar at New York's Columbia University, a diarist and author of scores of important international publications. He is also well known for his championship of the campaign that finally led to Nelson Mandela's release from life imprisonment.

The African continent's bid for international recognition at UN has been enhanced by the OAU's nomination of Chidzero, Ghali, Obasanjo, Owono, Jonah and Dadias as candidates to succeed Javier Perez de Cuellar as UN's Secretary-General. These six African diplomats are a match to their counterparts on the other five continents of the world. Special credit must be paid to those countries which have recently emerged from the clutches of colonialism, like Zimbabwe, which only gained its liberation a bare eleven years ago. Zimbabwe's rise to in-

ternational recognition and leadership is meritorious. And the performance of the emergent Sub-Saharan African states at UN is conducive to world peace and international understanding.

Next time, watch, and beware

of Africa's performance at UN! With an African at the head of the United Nations, African countries will rise from their famine, poverty, underdevelopment, international debt, and the ravages of apartheid in southern Africa.

An African Secretary-General of UN will avert wars, invasions, exploitation, neocolonialism and apartheid which plague the "Dark Continent."

Congratulations, Boutros Boutros Ghali!

## Chilling testimony on racism in government workplace

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widespread problem throughout the federal workplace.

Thomas began her career with the IRS in 1977 as a GS-3 clerk after obtaining an undergraduate degree from Roosevelt University. Through hard work, and a supervisor who designed an individual Development Plan (IDP) for her, she soon advanced, and rose from her starting GS-3 level to a GS-11 Manager of Tax Auditors in just five years.

Her ultimate goal, however, was to be employed in the Senior Executive Service before her career ended. To that end she applied for and was accepted as an International Auditor, at GS-9, in Washington, DC in 1983. That's when her problems began.

Thomas, who currently works with the IRS' National Office in Washington, DC, said, "My dream of entering the Senior Executive Service ended in 1983 shortly after my arrival in Washington, DC. Management sent a very clear message, verbally and non-verbally, by the way blacks were treated and tolerated and were never developed or trained. Blacks with over 20 years of service were Grade 4's and 5's. They were the foundation of the agency."

She described a litany of abuses she suffered after filing formal complaints with IRS EEO counselors about her inability to get training. These ranged from being denied promotions to being denied permission to return to the US — per

doctor's orders — when she became ill in Germany with Graves Disease. She spoke of the constant and intense pressure and scrutiny she was subjected to after filing her complaint.

Thomas recommended to the Senate Committee that laws be passed to remove the EEO complaint process from the IRS and place it within the EEOC or another agency, and to require that managers be suspended until an EEO investigation is complete.

Donald Rochon told a gloomy, disturbing story of racial jokes, slurs, and even "racist threats of mutilation and death" which occurred during his painful career with the FBI. Nothing better sums up the injustice

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## Republicans seek blacks to block Duke's campaign

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American voters," said Yeutter in announcing his selection by the RNC last week's ago. "I am very pleased that he has joined our team."

Carter, 33, is a former aide and campaign official for former Republican New Jersey Governor Thomas Kean. During the Kean administration, he worked as a liaison between the governor and local, county, and state agencies. In previous positions, the Pittsburgh, PA, native served as a senior staff member of the New Jersey General Assembly and executive director of the New Jersey Republican State Committee.

Of the 7,300 black elected officials in the United States, only 76 are Republicans and in the state legislatures, only three of the 439 blacks serving as elected representatives are Republicans. Rep. Gary Franks (CT) is the only current black Republican member of the US Congress among the 435 representatives, including the 25 other Democratic members of the Congressional Black Caucus.

"Black voters don't know what the Republican party is, and what they know of it is David Duke, Jesse Helms, and Willie Horton," said Carter. "We have to get back to a place where the black community can see the philosophy of the Republican Party and not this negative image." In outlining necessary steps to overcome blacks' antipathy to the GOP, Carter agreed that it behooves some Republicans to play down their party affiliation when campaigning, sometimes.

They should begin their campaigns at least a year ahead, in private forums with blacks who are community leaders, businessmen, and clergy to identify those who might be receptive to their candidacy, Carter and Dornbier point out. However, it is not enough for candidates to meet with a few blacks and then have the few blacks do their campaigning for them, the consultants emphasize. In fact, Campaign Directions recommends just the opposite by urging candidates to go out into the community in a major grass roots effort to consider their concerns.

"Blacks believe Republicans don't care about them (and) overcoming this perception is the biggest hurdle in winning the support of black voters," Carter emphasized. Once an effective campaign team has been established in black neighborhoods, campaign advertising must be done through community outlets such as the black press (newspapers) and radio (stations) in order to target residents who are active voters, the consultants concluded.

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# OPINION

## EDITORIAL

### Tis the season to be...

Yes, the holiday season is upon us. And, as people grapple with trying not to overspend in these tough economic times, I wanted to take a few moments to tell you about my favorite aspect of the season.

People always seem to be kinder, friendlier, and happier during the holidays. People are more apt to say "Hi" to a stranger on the street or help out their fellow man during this time of year more so than any other.

Society has made life tough for many of us. Jobs are scarce, money is no where to be found, and we're all on edge a little more than usual. Stress levels are high, and people are not as sure of their lives and their futures as they were ten years ago.

But, a cheerful outlook, a friendly face, an occasional smile between friends and associates can sometimes make sad times a bit more bearable.

I'm always sad when the holidays are over. To look around and see Christmas trees, Hanukkah candles, bright and colorful lights and Kwanzaa decorations symbolizing unity, family, peace, respect, and happiness. It's a feeling that I only wish could last year round.

But, maybe it can. People tend to put together and look towards one another for support during lean times. There's no reason why the love that unites us all during the holidays can't carry on throughout the year.

So, at 12:01 on January 1 when everyone is celebrating and ringing in the New Year, add this one item to your list of resolutions — pledge to be a little kinder, a little more understanding, and a little more respectful to those you love, those you like, those you work with, those you don't know, and those you don't give two cents about.



by Connie Woodruff

For years Newark City Hall has been a fun place to be just before the offices closed down for the Christmas-New Year holiday.

One could go from the basement to the third floor Council offices to admire the various department decorations and enjoy the hospitality of noontime and after work parties going full blast. This year things have changed drastically due to the impending layoffs of more than several hundred city workers and the closing down and merger of several departments.

The layoffs are slated to begin on or shortly after December 31st. The last third and those with short

term political connections will probably be the first to go. Others with stronger ties or within the jurisdiction of other agencies that serve the city.

Those who work in the area of Human Services appear to be gloomiest about the inevitable layoffs despite the fact some of them are so financially secure they can live comfortably without the added benefit of a paycheck from City Hall. Others in the department have long passed the age that makes them eligible for the full benefits of retirement pay and then there are those who have other relatives collecting paychecks and benefits as City employees.

In fairness there are a number of folks about to be caught in the unemployment net whose job produc-

tivity is so consistently high they should be left alone to do a job that is necessary and important in the scheme of things.

What was surprising in City Hall last week was the glee that greeted the announcement that City business administrator Richard Montell will be leaving Newark after the first of the year to take the position as executive director of the Metropolitan Atlanta Olympic Games Authority.

One worker wanted desperately to hang a banner outside Montell's office that said, "Hallelujah!" When asked why the sign was hidden away under his desk, the answer was "I intend to keep it there until I know for sure the guy is really gone. That's just smart politics."

Mayor James will surely miss the man who has been business administrator for Newark since 1987, staying long past his original commitment for employment. Montell, a hard working, dedicated taskmaster, could be counted on to keep things running properly and efficiently while Mayor James became a world traveler and roaming ambassador for Newark.

While a new administrative chief is adjusting to the job until a permanent replacement is found, the Mayor may be forced to stay closer to home.

Meanwhile, Mayor Sharpe James is hitting the campaign trail again. No, not for a presidential candidate or any New Jersey politician.

This time the Mayor has thrown his hat into the ring of the National League of Cities as a candidate for second vice president. If he wins the presidency in 1993-94, just in time to add a new dimension to his re-election bid for a third term as Mayor of Newark. It is assumed by a majority of politicians and citizens Mayor James will seek a third term to conclude the full renaissance of the City he has served as an elected official for close to three decades.

Among his early supporters for

the post were New York Mayor Dinkins and Houston Mayor Kathy Whitmire. This could be good or bad. It's a known fact Dinkins is having his own problems and could be facing an uncertain future and Whitmire recently lost her primary bid for re-election.

Just when the Mayor and his entourage are trying to convince voting delegates to the National League of Cities annual convention Sharpe James is their man for the job as second vice president. Robert Strauss, ambassador of the Soviet Union compares the negativity of moving the Soviet capital from Moscow to Minsk as ludicrous as moving the capital of American government from Washington, DC to Newark, NJ.

You can bet that brought an immediate response from Sharpe James who has demanded an apology from Ambassador Strauss. Unfortunately, Strauss, a former chairman of the Democratic National Committee is as opinionated as Newark's chief executive and familiar with Newark's strengths and weaknesses. As a hands-on Texas politician who thinks he knows what the real deal is in the nooks and crannies of the political handlands, Strauss may or may not apologize for what was probably an off-the-cuff remark.

What he also probably did not know was the fierce pride Sharpe James has in Newark and the Mayor's daily struggle to keep the dream of the renaissance alive. If this is the beginning of something big, Bob Strauss will soon find that Sharpe James is more than a minnow in the big pond of political fighting.

The State Senate has confirmed the appointments of two Newarkers nominated by Governor Florio for membership on two state boards.

Dr. Edward Yerner, head of the Newark Black Churchmen will serve on the Board of Directors for Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Clarence C. Lilley, founder of the Theater of Universal Images who is affiliated with Gateway Cable, is a new board member on the Motion Picture and Television Development Commission.

## Commentary...

### Africa Needs A Chance

Two hundred seventy billion! This astronomical figure represents the amount which sub-Saharan or Black Africa owes to various governments of the world.

There are several reasons for this galloping indebtedness. Africa's debt rose seriously during the 1980s, at the time when its economic problems mounted substantially. By 1990, the continent's total debt was two and a half times greater than in 1980. At the same time that debt

increased with interest, the price of its commodities worldwide tumbled.

Recently at the United Nations Day for Africa, convened by UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar and chaired by the visionary Dr. Leon Sullivan, several high governmental officials as well as the presidents of General Motors and Colgate-Palmolive participated. All agreed that it is simply not possible for the sub-Saharan African countries to develop further, with their

debt burden exceeding 270 billion.

Therefore, the Chairman and others vigorously called for debt forgiveness. Dr. Sullivan, in an extraordinary statement, pointed out that "if the seven big nations can forgive the debts of Israel, Poland and Egypt, then certainly they can forgive the debt in sub-Saharan or Black Africa."

Specifically, his proposal is for forgiveness of 80 percent of governmental debt, 20 percent would remain for twenty years. The interest on the 20 percent and the frost revenue on the 80 percent would go for children, the poor, education, and health services.

Further, it was stated that these countries were not deliberately avoiding payment of the debt. Even a non-economist can calculate the difficulty that any nation would have in trying to meet indebtedness which is 102 percent of its gross national income, and over 30 percent of its national exports.

In addition to the strain which has almost immobilized the nations of Africa, they have been manipulated by international "price fixers," who have offered far less for their valuable exports of gold, silver, coffee, cocoa and other impor-

tant items.

We join this group in calling upon the Big Seven nations—United States, England, Italy, France, Japan, Canada and Germany to lift this debt burden so that these countries will not be crippled further.

Just as they banded together to form the allied command during the costly Persian Gulf War, we ask them to immediately join forces for a great humanitarian gesture. These nations and the large multi-national corporations, can in fact forgive the debt, keep the door for business open, and invest with substantial returns.

It is well-known that sub-Saharan Africa is not treated in the same way that other non-black nations are treated, either in loans, grants, debt forgiveness, refugee population, or by any other measures. A continent wealthy with its mineral resources has been exploited year in and year out. Today, there are 40 million starving in the continent of sub-Saharan Africa. We agree with Dr. Sullivan that were they not black, the world would declare an international emergency. Yet today we hear very little about

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## Letters to the editor...

### Thanks, City News

Dear Editor:

I hope the advice "better late than never" is true, because our thanks to you for the October printing of our public service announcement regarding our Parent Literacy Awareness workshops co-sponsored by Christian Advocates for Public Education is long overdue.

City News is to be commended for its contribution to the eradication of illiteracy. Please know that we are grateful for your efforts, and we look forward to a continuing, strong relationship.

Signed,  
Ellen Madryn  
Executive Director  
Project Read, Inc.

### Kudos to Connie!

Dear Editor:

I read Connie Woodruff's column on Sarah Vaughan, her mother, and the concert at Symphony Hall in her honor and it was ON THE MONEY. I enjoyed it.

Signed  
Lucious Riley  
East Orange

### Quote of the Week

"When I joined the FBI, I thought that I was joining the elite police force in the United States. I loved law enforcement, and I wanted to be a good agent. Instead, my family and I were attacked and ridiculed. From 1983 until 1987, all I wanted was for the agency to make the harassment stop. They did not."

Former FBI Special Agent Donald Rochon during testimony to the US Senate's Committee on Governmental Affairs regarding FBI racist practices.

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## Heartbeat of the City

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early in 1988 when Brown attended classes to learn about adoption, had a home study done, had fingerprints taken, wrote an autobiography, and went through four caseworkers before finding Marquis. The adoption was finalized on November 30, 1991.

According to Brown, the adoption process is long and therefore may be a strong deterrent for other people, especially African American males, who may consider adopting. He stated that his "persistence

and perseverance" produced quicker results, but that the screening process needs to be revised for expediency.

"I'm very pleased with my decision," said Brown. "In fact, I'm ecstatic. If I had to do it again, I would because it's worth it."

Brown's success with Marquis has prompted his brother, Reginald Brown, to begin the adoption process. He has also encouraged members of his congregation at Elmwood Presbyterian Church in East Orange

to consider adoption.

Mr. Brown, we commend you for sticking out the rigorous adoption process and making a difference in a young man's life. And, like you said, it should make quite a difference in your life as well. We wish you and Marquis the best of luck and we encourage others out there to look into adoption.

For more information concerning adoption, please contact the Adoption Resource Center at 201-680-3330.

## Take us to heart

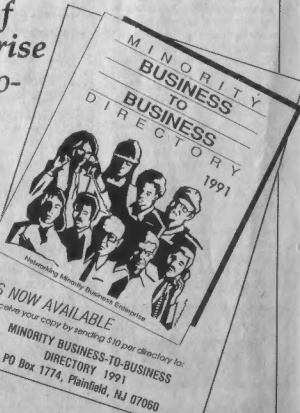
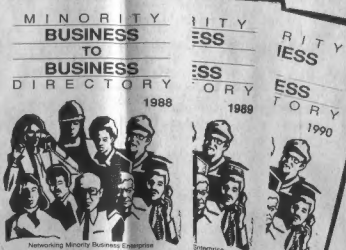
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son said. He said the paper continually strives to be a people-oriented, community-driven publication that can encourage inner strength, sensitivity, and support and reach deep inside a person's heart and soul.

"Take us to heart," he said. "For people who want to tell us their story or give us information on a Heartbeat issue, please write to Heartbeat of the City, P.O. Box 1774, Plainfield, NJ 07060 or call 908-734-3400."

## Continuing the Tradition of Networking Minority Enterprise

### The 1991 Minority Business-to-Business Directory is here.



# Youth/EDUCATION/SUCCESS

## Commentary...

### Who will support the youth?

by Anthony Busby

As times get tougher, the support for our youth seems to decline. Many of our elders have forgotten the support they acquired from the previous generation. They seem to have forgotten the way their elders took them and molded their minds. They seem to have forgotten how they were trained as apprentices. Due to this apparent memory loss, many of our youth have had to learn alone.

Like myself, many of our youth have explored the options of life and found the path of self-determination to be the route of excellence. We have ventured into this pro-

gram, and explored that program, only to find the door sealed with no support. In a financial world, finances are the arteries of success, but who is investing in the dreams of our youth?

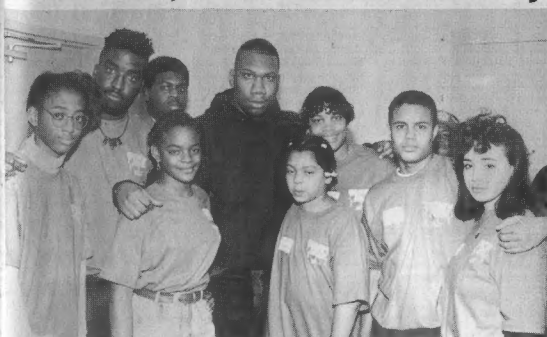
Society says black children are not capable of leadership, but I can't accept this argument. The problem exists in the support system black children have. For example, look at the Hebrew communities, they have encouraged their youth to take profitable risks. Where is this program in Plainfield? The Oriental adults take not only their own children under their arms, but the friends of their children as well. Can we honestly say we are doing this? Have we

abandoned the work ethics of Booker T., have we neglected the cries of Garvey, are we ashamed of Elijah's self-help philosophy?

We don't have to be the fools of the earth anymore, the solution is simple, but the process takes commitment. Any people who invest in their youth invest in their future. To be comfortable today does not guarantee comfort tomorrow. The choice is yours, our destiny is in your hands. Support the aspirations of the youth today and seal your future enterprises in success tomorrow.

*Blessed are those who understand the language of the children.*

## KRS-ONE, at the center of Unity



NEWARK — Rap star KRS-ONE served as the keynote speaker for the Unity Jam which took place at the Quality Inn in Newark this past November.

Much more than a rapper, and shown here (center, in black) with members of the Unity Jam staff, he has placed himself at the forefront of a campaign to address the con-

cerns of today's inner-city youth.

Called "The Teacher" by young people, he is one they can relate to as he has experienced street life up close. Homeless at 13, he spent six years living on the streets and in shelters.

The Unity Jam was put together by the Newark Collaboration Group and Newark youth in order to ad-

dress the problems facing young people and to discuss ways on solving them.

The conference called, "Newark's Conference for Change: By Youth for Youth," featured adult and young people as experts who have had personal experiences with some of the issues facing young minorities.

## Accreditation awarded Newark Boys Chorus School

NEWARK — The Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools has awarded the Newark Boys Chorus School full accreditation.

The school was visited for a week in April by a four person committee. The committee spent the week observing classes and evaluating programs with faculty, staff, students, and parents. Their findings were then sent to the Middle States Commission on Secondary Schools for review. The school was notified on November 15 that they had been placed on the Accredited Membership List.

The Newark Boys Chorus

School is a non-profit, private school serving males in grades four through eight. The school was founded in 1949 to serve the special needs of musically gifted and academically motivated inner-city boys.

The school's limited enrollment serves eighty students in classes of less than twenty students per teacher. The boys receive a structured academic training based on a foundation of educational basics. This is in addition to a demanding music education and the opportunity to sing as a member of the renowned Newark Boys Chorus.

There are two choruses, the Ap-

prentice Chorus for the fourth and fifth grades and the Concert Chorus with the seventh and eighth grades and the sixth grade serving in both. The choruses perform up to seventy times a year with the Concert Chorus having performed in Italy, China, and Japan (twice).

They are presently preparing for a March performance tour of Czechoslovakia. The boys attend school, which is located in the Symphony Hall complex on Broad Street from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. plus many hours spent in after-school rehearsals and weekend and evening performances.



PLAINFIELD — The Cantantes Pueri Choir Of Men And Boys, under the direction of its founder David Lamb, will sing a Festival of Lessons and Carols for Christmas on Sunday, December 22, at 4 p.m. at the United Presbyterian Church, 525 East Front Street in Plainfield. In addition to the reading of the traditional nine lessons music will include works by Poston, Warlock,

Mathias, Hadley, Ledger, and others.

The choir, which consists of 18 boys, all residents of the Plainfield area, and 7 men is patterned after the traditional Anglican male choir, and was originally established in May of 1985 under the name of "Cantoris". Through June of this year the choir was based at Grace Church in Plainfield, but is now an

independently incorporated organization. The boys of the choir are frequently in demand as soloists throughout the area and have sung with several orchestras. Admission for the December 22 concert is \$10 (for students and seniors) and a non-refundable \$5 is available. For tickets or information call 908-754-3775.

## Girl Scouts meet Mayor Brown of Orange



ORANGE — Mayor Robert L. Brown of Orange welcomed NYCA Girl Scouts Troop #374 to Orange City Hall this past November. The troop met the Mayor and had a brief tour of City Hall. Pictured from left are: Kendra Khawaja, Tulane Adams, Yasmine Harkis, Karenah Reid, Tyrone Stuart, Pearshanda Hanks, Enji McDonald, Kerren Jackson, Megan Wallace, Mayor Robert Brown, Christina Brown, and Norma Arlin, Coordinator.

## Payne and IYO give thanks



Congressman Donald Payne is surrounded by members of the International Youth Organization in Newark during their "Feeding the Needy on Thanksgiving Day" campaign.

# Yes

Youth Excited About Success!

Students, teachers, administrators say

## 'Yes' to YES

I applaud the premiere edition of YES. It is refreshing to see in print an accentuation of the positive. Kathleen A. Conroy, Education Supervisor, Plainfield, NJ

It was such a joy to read a magazine that explored the lives of successful teenagers in a variety of ways. During these difficult times of increased violence and crime rate among our youth, it is important and refreshing to remind all of us that many of today's teens are excelling in a number of areas ...

Sandra Martin, Dept of Urban Studies, MIT, Cambridge, MA

The administrators who reviewed the premiere edition were impressed with the issue and were pleased Kansas City Missouri School District has been asked to participate.

Laurie B. Spook, Public Information Officer, Kansas City, MO

"We must show examples of the good things, of young people turning around and helping in Harlem, in Bed Stuy, helping the homeless. These young people need pat on the back. They need these positive images... tell them to say 'yes' to a better life and say 'yes' to a better world. And now to say 'yes' to YES."

Lee Blake, director of the Office of Education Services, New York, New York

"In the fifties, I had *Boy's Life*. Today, kids have YES with an exciting and youthful appeal. In this video culture, where kids tend to watch and not read, YES is not only good to look at but will promote reading and that is a positive thing."

Richard Gudonsky, Chess Coach of National Chess Champions Adam Clayton Powell Jr. JHS 43

"YES stresses the positives and shows their peers in a positive light. That positive format of YES is why Panasonic got involved."

Bill Rooney, Assistant General Manager of External Affairs, Panasonic Corporation

I really enjoyed reading YES. I found it to be interesting and informative. It's good for everyone! Monique Gallmon, 11th grade, Irvington, NJ

YES Magazine is a good way to find out information about getting into college and getting a job Toshonia Smith, student, Newark, NJ

If you would like to receive a copy of the premier copy of YES, call YES Communications at 908-754-3400.



RELIGIOUS  
CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

**PLAINFIELD** — The Cantantes Puert Choir of Men and Boys will sing a Festival of Lessons and Carols for Christmas at 4 p.m. at the United Presbyterian Church, located at 525 East Front Street. For more information call 908-754-3775.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1992

**RAHWAY** — On New Year's Day from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, the NAACP Rahway Branch will sponsor the Fifth Annual Jubilee Day Celebration. It will be held at the Second Baptist Church, 379 East Milton Avenue. Reverend Dr. Jerry M. Sanders, Pastor of Fountain Baptist Church in Summit will be the guest speaker. For more information call 201-574-9752.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 1992

**CALDWELL** — The Religious Studies Dept. at Caldwell College is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from Jan. 5th thru the 13th. For info, call 201-228-4424, exts. 250 or 209.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 1992

**NEWARK** — The Hopewell Baptist Church at 17 Muhammad Ali Avenue will present a Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. featuring The Mighty Cougars of Joy, The Soul Stirrers, Rapine, Seawave Jubilees, and others. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the show begins at 7 p.m. For more information call 201-373-6187 or 201-373-9276.

Send your religious calendar events to City News, P.O. Box 1774, Plainfield, N.J. 07060

Goodwill  
toy  
bonanza

**NEWARK** — Bargain hunters who frequent Goodwill Thrift Stores will now find a large selection of new toys and child care products at the thrift stores. A recent on-going donation from a well known chain store has spurred the expansion of Goodwill's Contributed Goods and Retail Sales Departments.

The Goodwill Store at Lyons Plaza in Newark is one of nine stores Goodwill operates in New Jersey now offering customers toys at thrift shop prices in addition to clothing, shoes, and household items.

As the recession has cut many family budgets, Goodwill is seeing an increasing number of customers who are able to shop for themselves and their families with what their budget will allow at Goodwill.

Goodwill stores generate the needed revenue to help support evaluation, training, and job placement services for people with disabilities and those who are disadvantaged at Goodwill's Harrison headquarters. In addition to Newark, Goodwill stores can be found in Harrison, Elizabeth, Bergenfield, Sayreville, Jersey City, Paterson, South Plainfield, and Passaic.

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CITY NEWSPayne stresses importance of  
voting during discussion at UCC

**CRANFORD** — US Representative Donald Payne gave a class of 30 Union County College students this week some valuable insight into the democratic process, and stressed the importance of casting their single vote in light of other countries whose citizens are yearning for that same freedom of choice.

The 10th Congressional District representative, who serves Newark and its environs, made these points in a December 3 presentation to Professor Judy Meyer's English classes at the College's Cranford Campus. It was an effort to reach out to young adults in letting them know the significance of being interested in their own governmental process.

A Newark native, Payne discussed the importance of being a minority and persevering in seemingly winless races to achieve his congressional seat. However, he stressed a significant problem with a lack of voter participation, stating, "It is really a disgrace that with so

many countries yearning for democracy, citizens of the US who have the right to vote deliberately choose not to exercise that right."

Young people, particularly, need to be politically interested because decisions now being made could affect their future lives, he said. Yet, he cited some statistics indicating that young people are the least likely to vote, with only 20 percent of persons between the ages of 18 and 24 casting ballots in the 1990 election. In contrast, the elderly come out in droves to vote because they know that "decisions made by elected officials do have a direct impact on their lives...if their Congressman casts a vote to cut Medicare, their medical bills are going to go up."

Rep. Payne pointed out that some elections are won by less than 1 percent of voters casting ballots, so each individual vote does indeed count. He then cited the political involvement of students in other countries, such as China, South Af-

rica, Germany, and the Soviet Union who put their lives on the line to obtain a basic voting right that American youth take for granted. During the first free election in Namibia, for example, 97 percent of those eligible to vote did so.

He also gave a history of the American voting process, reviewing several relevant constitutional amendments, the Civil Rights Act, and the Voting Rights Act. Directly relating to students, Payne mentioned a bill being considered in Congress to extend the student aid program for those in college. A gamut of opinions have surfaced among representatives and senators, and it's up to the students themselves to vote for people who will protect their best interests.

"If you failed to vote, then you really haven't earned the right to criticize your elected officials," Rep. Payne concluded, stressing how students should take advantage of the opportunities under the democratic system.

Plainfield Municipal alliance presents  
first annual conference

City News Publisher Dr. Henry C. Johnson among guest speakers

**PLAINFIELD** — On Friday, December 6, the City of Plainfield's Municipal Alliance presented its first annual conference entitled, Grassroots Community Resistance and Response to Drug Abuse — Show Me that Prevention Works in Our Community.

The conference sites included the Plainfield Public Library, Liberty village, and Atkins Park Playground.

Eight workshops were held between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. They were: Policies on Drug Use in the

Work Place; Drugs and Sexually Transmitted Diseases; Direct Intervention: Confronting Drug Dealers; A Vicious Cycle: How Drugs Create & Perpetuate Poverty, Homelessness and Illness; Involving the Church: A New Focus for Community Problem Solving in the Black Community; Alcohol and Crack; Women, Babies, and the Destruction of Families; Media Influences on Drug Use; African Americans and Latinos: Coexisting to Battle Crack Cocaine. The keynote address was given by John

Farrell, Acting Assistant Commissioner for the Division of Addiction Services.

A special after school workshop for youths called Decision Making and Risk Taking/Alternatives to Drug Use: Youth Perspectives on Drug Abuse, was held from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Atkins Park Playground building located at Third Street and Plainfield Avenue.

At the same time, Homey's cousin Showme the Clown and Santa Claus were at Liberty village with toys and balloons. Free blood pres-

sure checks, lead and anemia screenings, videos, and literature concerning drug addiction, AIDS prevention, and the WIC program were available.

Dr. Henry C. Johnson, publisher of City News which is located in Plainfield, was among the speakers

and presenters who took part in the program. Others included: Herman Wrice a noted Philadelphia community activist; Al Dixon, noted athlete and motivational speaker; and Professor Gloria Roseman, Director of Nursing, Jersey City State College.

## Muhlenberg's Family Health Day



Day at the Plainfield hospital.

**PLAINFIELD** — Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center student nurse Nellie A. Carter checks the blood pressure of Basir Hawkins, 8, of Plainfield during Family Health

The blood pressure screening was among four hours of free activities offered to area residents by the

Women's foundation  
gives over \$440,000 to  
minority women

**WASHINGTON, DC** — The American Association of University Women (AAUW) Educational Foundation recently reaffirmed its commitment to expanding educational opportunities by awarding a record \$440,622 in grants and fellowships to minority women graduate students and postdoctoral scholars.

Although minority women represent only 6.38 percent of the total student population at the graduate level, minority women received 31 percent of the individual awards given by the AAUW Educational Foundation for the 1991-92 academic year. Minority women were 15.2 percent of the total number of applicants and proved three times as likely as other applicants to receive an award. Of the 52 minority recipients, 28 are African American, 15 are Hispanic, 8 are Asian American

and 1 is Pacific Islander.

"While a divisive political debate on the merits of diversity rages on campuses across the country, America is losing its competitive edge," said Foundation President Alice McKee. "It is essential to the future of our nation to identify and assist talented minority women who want to further their education and enhance their career potential."

"Some federal student aid programs, like SEOG, continue to short-change minority women. As the nation's oldest and largest source of non-institutional funding for women graduate students, the AAUW Educational Foundation remains committed to advancing the march towards genuine educational equity for all races."

For fellowship and grant applications and deadlines, call 202/728-7603, ext. 45.

## Proposed charter changes

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done locally, but if the City chose to develop a department of law within the City government, the state would have to vote on that. If deemed necessary the Council could also choose to have their own staff, but Benjamin informed them, that state law often provides aides in cities where the population is over 80,000 residents.

The charter evaluation committee was charged with investigating possible changes in the document back in 1989, when then Mayor

Richard Taylor was about to leave office. The report was completed in 1990, but the recommendations were not studied until the matter was reintroduced June of this year.

During a special charter session in September, Council President Elizabeth Urquhart charged several committee members to collaborate with the city clerk's office in submitting amendments of the recommendations, as of press time the amendments had not been received and the next session has not been scheduled.

## Newark Council appalled

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30 shots into the vehicle.

The Newark Municipal Council adopted a Resolution requesting an impartial, objective, and speedy investigation of the events which led to the death of the youths, and copies were forwarded to the New Jersey Attorney General's Office as well as the Prosecutor's Offices of Essex and Union Counties.

The Council strongly objects to the factual findings by Prosecutor Ruotolo's office and is equally disturbed by the Grand Jury's decision not to indict the four police officers involved.

After carefully reviewing the Prosecutor's report, Council President Donald Tucker charged, "It is absurd that the Prosecutor will issue such a report and even more trouble-

some that the Grand Jury determined the actions of the officers to be beneath the level of criminal conduct." He stated that the officers were unconscionable and those officers responding to the scene should have maintained better composure.

Council President Tucker stated that it is hypocritical for Prosecutor Ruotolo to state that the two deaths are tragic, avoidable, and unprofessional and while stating that the officers panicked, refused to indict them for the two deaths.

Tucker said that he would not abandon his appeal for a thorough investigation into this matter and will press NJ Attorney General Robert Del Tufo to reassess this matter to a higher level in order for another probe to be conducted as soon as possible.

City News  
We Take it All to Heart

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## CITY LIFE

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

**MONTCLAIR** - A Single Vision will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Montclair Unity Church, 84 Orange Road and discuss Christmas as well as have a holiday party. For more information call 746-8417 or 726-5999.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

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## New Year's Eve extravaganza to benefit Newark Boys Chorus School

**NEWARK** - The Newark Boys Chorus School (NBSC), Parents Advisory Council (PAC) will present a New Year's Extravaganza at the Priory Restaurant at St. Joseph's Plaza, 233 West Market Street in Newark from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m., Tuesday, December 31, 1991. According to event organizer, and Vice-President of the PAC, Celeste Bateman Mangan, the event is a

benefit to raise funds to send the Concert Chorus to Czechoslovakia in March 1992.

"It has been the School's goal to provide the youngsters with at least one musical experience abroad, by the time they graduate," Ms. Mangan said. "Our New Year's Eve event gives our supporters and friends an opportunity to do a good deed while having a great time."

Touted as "Newark's Musical Ambassadors" by City officials, the Newark Boys Chorus School is made up of 75 young men who come from the greater Newark area. The School, founded in 1967, boasts a tightly structured academic schedule which includes intensive study of music. According to executive Director, Elizabeth Del Tufo, NBSC graduates attend select high schools and

97 percent go on to college.

The black tie Extravaganza will feature an international buffet, complimentary champagne, party favors and door prizes. Music will be provided by DJ Nate Cooper of Club King Enterprises. Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased through the Newark Boys Chorus School, 1016 Broad Street in downtown Newark. For information call 201-621-8900.

## Jersey City hosts Kwanzaa Festival

**JERSEY CITY** - As part of their Community Awareness Series, the Jersey City Public Library will be holding a Kwanzaa Festival on December 28 at 8 p.m. at the Miller Branch Library Auditorium located at 489 Bergen Avenue.

Featured events include a Kwanzaa Fashion Show by the Africari Gallery of children's and adult fashions; a performance of contemporary and traditional jazz music by the Spirit of Life Ensemble; poetry by Baby Shinda and Willie Johnson; and a Kwanzaa feast dinner buffet.

Admission to the Festival is free. For more information call 201-547-4505/6907/4551.

## Voiceboxing: More than skin and spandex

There is life after new jack swing. There are still real singers unadorned with rounds of reverberation and cycles of meaningless monosyllabic sounds. Acoustic musicianship is still a virtue. There are talented singer/songwriters, and women whose sensitivities and sen-

sibilities are evident throughout their music. Women who are not all skin and spandex. These are the women of Voiceboxing. Tina Harris, Candy Bell, and Jean McClain.

Voiceboxing is a trio of talented musical vocalists and songwriters who love being heard without exploiting themselves be-

cause of their "Sassy," a tribute to the legendary vocal artistry of Sarah Vaughan, featuring a solo by belabored Tom Scott.

"I think there's a void in music today. There are groups that appeal to teens, and there are groups that appeal to an older audience. But

Patricia Austin, Michael Bolton, and Cher." Our songs are about relationships, feelings, politics, and everyday life," Jean says. She co-wrote (with Lenny White) the first single release from the album, "Pain."

New York native Candy Bell is also an actress, dancer, and guitar-



Voiceboxing (l-r) Tina Harris, Candy Bell, Jean McClain

cause of it. Women who are proud of their emotionality and are strengthened because of it. Their first single "Pain" is a universal proclamation to this effect.

Lenny White, veteran drummer, producer and Voiceboxing architect, explains the concept of Voiceboxing: "Women have vanity but men have egos. So it goes back and forth: ego versus vanity. It's verbal warfare." This is Voiceboxing. From lovers' rituals to political banterings, we engage in it daily.

The songs on the album move beyond syrupy love lyrics and bubblegum pop melodies. Songs like "And then the Earth Moved," "The Little Black Dress" (a song about families and what war does to them), "No Comment" (inspired by the disgust at how people automatically resort to the right to silence after savage acts of violence) attest to the sincerity of the written lyric as artform. And then

there's also an in-between crown that wants to dance and hear topical, intelligent lyrics, too." White says. He adds that he created Voiceboxing to fill that void.

"We have something to say. Our purpose is to wake people up," said Ms. Harris, whose numerous songwriting credits include "Perfect Match" from Spike Lee's School Daze soundtrack and "Friends' Advice," the first single from the 1990 Pointer Sisters album Right Rhythm. A native of London, England, she lives in Los Angeles.

Jean McClain is a close Harris colleague who has been singing on Harris' demo tapes for several years. An Indiana native transplanted to Northern California, McClain plays guitar and keyboards and is a veteran session singer whose voice can be heard on recordings of composers such as Barry Mann and Cynthia Weil as well as with artists such as

ist. She began singing in 1986 and has performed background duties for such artists as A.B. Sirel, Omar Hakim, and GRP labelmate George Howard. "The music that's out now that's about women seems two-dimensional," Bell notes. "This album combines creativity, intelligence, and maturity. There's definitely a female vibe. And it's produced by a drummer, so it's good to dance to!"

Producer Lenny White, who also provides keyboard duties on the album, has sat in the drummer's chair of countless jazz/fusion pioneers, including Miles Davis, Return To Forever, and Santana.

## CHAS Workshops

**IRVINGTON** - On December 19, 1991, the Department of Housing Services will present two CHAS (Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy) workshops to review the CHAS process, proposed Affordable Housing Strategies, relation to National Affordable Housing Act Programs and Funding, and to solicit comments, suggestions and participation from the community at large.

The CHAS workshops will be held at the Irvington Municipal Building, Council Chambers, at 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 7 p.m. For further information contact: Chris Mazzuca, Deputy Director, Dept. of Housing Services, at 201-399-6669

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# CITY BUSINESS

Business Exchange...

## Rethinking self-help

by William Reed

(WASHINGTON, DC (NNPA)) — It is time for us to "pick up our beds and walk." Possibly the political successes of David Duke will help more of us to see that nothing is more important to the health and future of our race than to find legitimate, and immediate, solutions to our social and economic problems. Nothing is more important to the progress of our race than for us to realize that the principle help that we need in resolving our problems will have to come from within. We now have to pick up our own, because help will come from no one but us.

While civil rights activists have been at the helm of our leadership for 3 decades, and have helped in fashioning much of our thinking about most vital issues, when we address economic freedom it is obvious that since the 1960s our generation has been grossly short-changed. When we objectively compare our actions to those of other so-called "minorities," the deficiencies in our economic thinking, actions, and advancements become startlingly evident. While handicapped by the same levels of discrimination that we experience, and, by language barriers, Asians, Arabs, Hispanics and others have pulled their own load and gained full economic parity here. During the same period, blacks have languished waiting for legislative and economic largesse from white America. As the Asians and Arabs have captured the majority of urban businesses, the prevailing contention of most people in the civil rights field, who are still holding black thinking on issues, has been that the eradication of racism is the precondition to black advancement. We've been conditioned to believe that we can't do anything without the removal of racism in America.

If the old saying is true that, "If you keep down what you've been doing," you'll continue to get what you've always got, then we need to rethink ourselves and our actions. Coming to the fore of African-American leadership now is a new, and growing, element among blacks who may help in more positive directions for us — Black Conservatives. These are different political and economic voices from those of the traditional civil rights "leaders." People such as Robert Woodson, Joshua Smith, Armstrong Williams and Robert Brown have suggested that people of our race reexamine prevailing civil rights strategy and seek alternative methods to help us become full members of the American society. People of this stripe state that continuing a pattern of seeking government

money is not the key to solving our problems. They cite that since the 60s, the federal government has poured billions into employment, housing, and public welfare programs designed to help the disadvantaged. Conservatives claim, and the numbers bear them out, that the main beneficiaries of these government efforts have been people of the "social service industry." Traditional "social service agents" have administered aid programs at salaries and fees that consumed the bulk of allocated monies, while the poor were left with us to grow into greater numbers.

If we stop and examine the effect of "what we've been doing," we may conclude that government assistance programs were appropriate when the laws were officially structured against us. Now we must pick up our bed, stand on our own, and develop skills that will allow us to succeed and not just survive. Perhaps we had a right in the past to feel entitled to certain things that had been purposely and wrongly denied us. But now, our sense of entitlement stifles our initiative and perseverance, and we will not simply do for ourselves?

Our fate cannot be left in the

hands of the government, be it Duke, Bush, nor Wilder. We cannot continue to be led around by people who are seeking a handout to hand down. We must start now to rethink our actions in order to take hold of and shape our own destiny.

If you are rethinking your personal, and our collective, directions, you may know people in your community who are leaders toward economic progress. We invite you to forward these names to The Business Exchange for publication in our January 1992 "People to Watch" edition. (1264 National Press Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20045)

## Rasheedah Ali joins Network Earth as Newsreel host

ATLANTA (BUSINESS WIRE) — Rasheedah Ali has joined the staff of "TBS" weekly environmental magazine show, Network Earth, where she will anchor the Newsreel, the second segment of the show which recaps the major environmental happenings of the previous week.

As one of several anchors, she will spotlight the stories not routinely covered by mass media, will update viewers on how government

actions affect the Earth, and highlight the efforts of private enterprise, communities, individuals, and celebrities to make the planet a "greener" place to live.

In addition to her new position, Ms. Ali currently serves as manager of public relations for CNN. She is responsible for handling the public relations needs for several diverse areas of the all-news network. She is also charged with coordinating all Speakers Bureau activities.

Her writing background began with stints as a staff feature writer at the Modesto Bee in California and the Arizona Daily Star in Tucson.

She is the former publications chairperson of Executive Women International and has served on the board of directors of such organizations as the University of Arizona Women's Study Committee, the Tucson Urban League, the Tucson Metropolitan Energy Commission, and Arizona Women's Enterprise.

### BUSINESS CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

**NEWARK** — The Homebased business will be discussed from 7 to 8:30 p.m. as part of the *Trade Your Own Boss Series* in the Atlantic Room of the Hilton Gateway Hotel, Raymond Blvd. For more information call 1-800-484-1059 x 5421.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

**EAST ORANGE** — The NJ United Minority Business Brains Trust, Inc. will be having their Annual Holiday Party from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Everbrook Construction Company located at 67 Sanford Street. An RBE Recognition Program will take place at 7 p.m. Attendance must be confirmed by December 20. For more information call 908-246-3332.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1992

**SOUTH ORANGE** — Business Outlook for 1992 featuring prominent journalists Leonard Silk and Alan Sloan at the W. Paul Stillman School of Business at Seton Hall University. The one-day conference will be held from 8:15 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Main Lounge of the bishop Daugherty Student Center on the South Orange campus. The conference is co-sponsored by the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce. For registration information call 201-761-9218.

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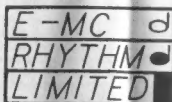
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It must be said!

# NFL's very own Keystone Kops

by Alex Clift

With two more weeks left to the regular football season as of the December 18 press day, it seems only fitting that we address what has turned into a monster of a problem — poor officiating.

Oh, it's so the point where seeing that yellow flag fly out is like receiving a punch in the face from Ali. You don't know what they've seen or what call they're going to make but you just hope it's against the other team.

I will never forget as long as I live this year's Giants and Cowboys game at the Meadowlands where it seemed like the officials made it up as they went along. I'm a Giants fan, my Dad is a Cowboys fan. I enjoyed the win but not the way they won. My poor father went and locked himself up in his room.

I often wonder if he can see what's going on on the field as good as I can see things from my living room. There have been so many

missed calls and blown calls this year that it's all become one big blur. And, God forbid if some desperate coach wants to *REVIEW* a play. That's right, the dreaded instant replay which I believe is the cause of this dreadful officiating. Why should the officials pay attention to the game when there's a camera following the play that they can refer to when and if necessary? Also, they've even rigged that so they can worm their way out of critical calls.

"After further review, the play stands?" How many times have you heard that while the CBS camera crew showed you 40 different angles where the call should have been overturned? But, no, the whistle blew or it was *inconclusive*. Hmm... But really Ref, from my living-room it looked like both his feet were in bounds. The instant replay must go! It's taking up too much time, it's being missed, and it's making a mockery of the officials. I'm convinced that they just aren't paying attention to what's going on

because they don't feel they have to. (Trumpet blast) And now for some picks... Week 16, Dec. 14, 15, and 16. Take Chicago over Tampa Bay... Detroit over Green Bay even though they're playing outside, (the Lions are undefeated at home in the dome)... take the Bengals over Pittsburgh (call me crazy but I know the Bengals have one more win left in this year and they can't afford to try their luck against New England)... speaking of New England, take them over the Jets who still manage to be alive for a playoff spot even though they've lost two road games in a row... Minnesota over the Rams... Miami over San Diego... Denver over Phoenix... Atlanta over Seattle... Buffalo over Indianapolis... Kansas City over the 49ers (perish the thought, but the Niners don't deserve to be in the playoffs this year and KC does)... take Houston in a must win over Cleveland (even though I don't think it will be easy because Moon doesn't seem to like cold weather too much... take the out-of-control

over the Redskins only because now that we can throw the dirt on New York, they should be willing to come out and play some real football against their nemesis from the nation's capital... in the game of the week, take the Cowboys over the Eagles. The more agile and healthy Steve Beuerlein must play. Dallas cannot risk losing Troy Aikman as

another casualty courtesy of the Eagles' punishing defense... and for the Monday Night game, take the Raiders over the Saints (boy, the Saints screwed up big time and are now struggling for their lives against the winningest team on Monday Night Football. The Raiders will outscore Jim Mora's much-maligned conservative offense even with not-

so-good-Jay Schroeder at quarterback. I wonder if Al Davis gets goosebumps watching Beuerlein at the helm of the Cowboys. Another one that fell from grace with the King Ralder.

What do you think? Let me know. Write to Alex Clift, 144 North Avenue, Plainfield, N.J. 07060.

## Africa Needs A Chance

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the starving men, women, and children on that continent.

Debt forgiveness would provide an opportunity for the nations of Africa to begin to assume responsibility for placing those valued funds on the priorities of eliminating poverty, building schools, feeding the hungry, providing jobs for the needy, and offering health services for the disease-ridden population.

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The cancellation of the government debt would place these seven rich northern nations in the forefront of offering humanitarian aid to countries that they have long exploited. It is a small gesture on the road to real independence and freedom.

We call for immediate action on the urgent problem. Further, we call upon President Bush to assume

the same intense leadership role which he assumed during the Persian Gulf War, it is obvious that our nation can influence not only the other developed countries, but the United Nations as well.

We applaud the UN Secretary General for his acknowledgement of the need to lifting the debt burden, and we applaud Dr. Sullivan for once again initiating such timely international concern.

## National Association for Equal Opportunity urges mass response to 'save' 45,000 students

By Larry A. Still

WASHINGTON, DC — Presidents of the nation's 107 Historically Black Colleges and Universities and key African-American educational leaders were urged this week to respond to the latest President Bush administration efforts to limit affirmative action, financial aid and scholarship programs for black "disadvantaged students."

Almost a year from the December, 1990, date when Assistant Secretary of Education Michael L. Williams issued his controversial guidelines declaring "race-specific" educational programs ineligible for government support, the Department of Education released a new set of proposed principles for "non-discrimination in federally assisted programs." An estimated 45,000 minority scholarships may be affected.

The National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education called upon top HBCU officials to participate in a Minority Scholarship Task Force to help mobilize support for Minority Based Scholarships at the American Council on Education (ACE) annual meeting January

Dr. Samuel L. Myers, NAPEO president, also urged higher education officials to seek meetings with Cabinet Secretary Alexander, now Assistant Secretary Dr. Carolyn Reid-Wallace and Williams who participated in the release of the new rules. NAPEO leaders are also requesting meetings with Sen. Paul Simon (D-IL) and Rep. Craig Washington (D-TX) who have considered specific congressional legislation to strengthen race-specific programs.

"The Department of Education is conducting its latest policy review because Congress has given the Department two assignments which, when race-exclusive scholarships are involved, sometimes seem to compete, Alexander said. One assignment is to promote scholarship and loan programs that help disadvantaged Americans afford college and another assignment is to enforce laws that say that colleges receiving federal funds may not discriminate based upon race, color or national origin, the

secretary's statement emphasized.

After a 90 day period for comment on the latest guidelines issued December 4, the Department of Education will publish its set of final principles to be used in reviewing all complaints of discrimination concerning race-exclusive college financial aid. The Department will also offer technical advice to those colleges that may wish to adjust their financial aid programs based upon the new set of principles. The old rules appeared to contradict Title Six of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

"The Department (of Education) does not want any student now attending college on a race-exclusive scholarship to lose that scholarship as a result of the formulation of these principles. Therefore, these principles require the adjustment of any college financial aid program... there will be a four-year transition period during which the Department will work with colleges to bring them into compliance without harming any student under scholarship," says the statement from Secretary Alexander and Williams.

The five new Principles listed in the guidelines were:

(1) **Race-Neutral Aid for Disadvantaged Students**—Colleges may make awards to disadvantaged students without regard to race, even if that means that such awards go disproportionately to minority students.

(2) **Scholarships to create Diversity**—A college may consider race as one factor among several when awarding scholarships designed to help create the kind of campus environment that results from having a population with a variety of experiences, opinions, backgrounds and cultures.

(3) **Race-Exclusive Aid To Remedy Discrimination**—A college may award race-exclusive scholarships when that is necessary to overcome past discrimination.

(4) **Federal Race-Exclusive Scholarships**—"Congress wrote Title VI and Congress (within the limits of the U.S. Constitution) may create exceptions to Title VI according to the new rules.

(5) **Privately Funded Race-Exclusive Scholarships**—Title VI Do Not Limit Aid opportunities for other Students—"A college may administer private donor race-scholarships when that aid does not limit the amount, type or terms of financial aid available to any student.

Educators reviewing the Principles said changes may be required in the last two rules.

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## Twenty-five years of Kwanzaa

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A candle is lit in the Kinara, or candleholder, for each day of the celebration. At the end of the holiday, everyone shares in Karamu, a

feast of traditional African and African-American foods. Kwanzaa also often includes dances and ceremonial recognition of ancestors.

For more information on Kwanzaa, call Davis at 908-932-3335 (office) or 908-220-0972 (home) before 8 p.m. Shariff can talk about the Swahili people and what is being recognized in America's Kwanzaa. He can be reached at 908-932-3334 (office) or 908-390-8599 (home).